



XXIII.

PUNCTILIO'S
OR
CAPRICHIO'S
OF
STATE.

I.

WHether the Court of Honour was not timely and prudentially suppress in the beginning of this *brouillery*, since the Authors of our confusion had none themselves nor intended to leave any in; or to the Nation.

II.

Whether we or the Kingdom of *Portugal*, shall have the Honour of Precedency in returning to our ancient and Pristine allegiance; if not, whether the same Armes that are like to reduce the latter, may not reduce us.

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III.

Whether the English *Plenipotentiaries* in the Sound, to accord the two Northern Kings, were not more usefull at home to compose the difference betwixt the Parliament and Army, having been so well exereised and experienced in un-effectual and unfeasible Treaties.

IV.

Whether Monsieur *Dominham* may not be any ones Broker or Factor in *Holland*, since his Principals here are bankroupt; whether he have not leisure enough to enquire after the Crown Jewels, as his Master *Oliver* instructed him.

V.

Whether the Welch, or No Bodies Ambassadour, were Sir *William*, or my Lord *Lockhart*, or my Lord *Cardinals* Fool at the late interview of the *Favourites*, whether he did *Bezos los manos* or *la cueva* of *Don Lewis de Haro*; and whether his Credentials were not writ in *Scotch*.

V I.

Whether to be master of the Sword and Militia, be not more advantagious then to be master of the Wardes and Liveries, and yet if he be not *Lamberts* Pupil: and whether *Charles Fleetwood*, be any kin to miles *Fleetwood*.

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VII.

Whether it were not a main error in *Oliver* in satisfying himself with the bare diminution and eclipse of my Lord *Lambert*; whether like *Ixion* he may not be begot of a cloud; whether like him he may not turn the wheel and change this abyfs of confusion into an *Elysium*.

VIII.

Whether *John Desborow's* high Shoon, or his Lordships Collosha's are best to wade through thick and thin; whether he knows any difference betwixt a Barn and the Parliament House, since ther's threshing and winnowing in both; whether *Lambert* plow not with him.

IX.

Whether Lieutenant Col. *Duckenfield* ought not to be Master of the Ceremonies, since he could *parler* so Court-like with the *Speaker*, and brought him so *A la mode* to his Audience at *Wallingford House*.

X.

Whether my Lord *Whitlocks* extraordinary Embassy to *Sweden*, his *Intrigues* there, his puny Treasurer-ship, his Juniority to *Lisle* for the custody of the Seal, his new League with the Army will be any Riddle to knotty SQUIRE *Dun*.

XI.

Whether Alderman *Tichburn's* impertinent Headpiece, make him not as troublesome a Senator to the Souldiery as he is a President to the new Artillery men.

XII.

Whether *Crispin* was not a type of my Lord *Newson*; whether he has not married a Quean: if he ought not at last to be President of the new thing that hath so much cobling work to doe.

XIII.

Whether Mr. *Brandriffe* be better at the Drawing or Council board; whether he or his goose will best forward the Settlement; whether he be not fitter to be Porter at *White-ball* gate being measured out for such a Fellow.

XIV.

Whether *Irston* in a Ruffe would not looke like Queen *Besse*, and wonderfully grace the new Senate and strike an awful reverence and dread into the boyes and girls of the Town.

XV.

Whether the Army found it not easier to cajole Lieutenant General *Ludlow* into their junto, then they will finde it to cokes *Overten* out of *Hull*, it being

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being **Rebellions** and the **Parliaments** **Metropolis**:

XVI.

Whether *Sir Orlando Heflrigge* might not be one of this pack, if he would allow this *to* be halfe so villanous as his *5*.

XVII.

Whether the Armies light touch of the Murder of the **KING** in their late Plea, be not a point mainly and chiefly to be insisted on.

XVIII.

Whether the solemn League and Covenant, the **Parliaments** engagement against **KING**, &c. *Olivers* instrument, the new subscription of the army were licensed by *Matchiavil*, and which of them is most especially and eminently obligatory in point of conscience.

XIX.

Whether the Army thought not to *Monkys* General *Monk* by prescribing him such a toy as their Adresse for his imitation; whether they be not mistaken, and the *Diuel* a Monk is he; and if he must be one, whether he had not better by his loyalty enter himself in the order of *Benedict*.

XX.

Whether *Lawrence* and *Sydenham* were not taken

ken in for Tutors to the new Fry, that the affaires of this new nothing might be managed orderly and to little purpose.

XX I.

Whether Sir *Henry Vane* wisdome should not have been the first Pageant in my Lord Maiors Shew, whether Mischief, Mony, or Vain-glory is most pleasing to him, whether he sutes with *Balzai's* Character, that there are a sort of men born to trouble and disquiet the world, whether his Devilship be not convinced of his detestable contrivements; and if the Committee of safety may not aptly be surnamed *Vane*, and if London Bridge lack not a *Vane*.

XX II.

Whether the rest of the pack, can be marshalled by any Herauldry but *Ralph Briscoes* Bookes; whether their Politique Education has not been an insupportable charge to the Commonwealth whilest it eased particular parishes; whether they can give any other account of themselves then *Tom Pride*; if they can, that they inform the Printer who will give them their due honour.

XX III.

Whether this *Punctilio*-maker would scruple I think it below him to be Halter-maker of the Senate if he could not shew them a better *Turn* of State then any yet; if such a course would not be the onely way to safety: and finally if the 23 Commissioners, shall not have in due time 24 Godfathers.

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